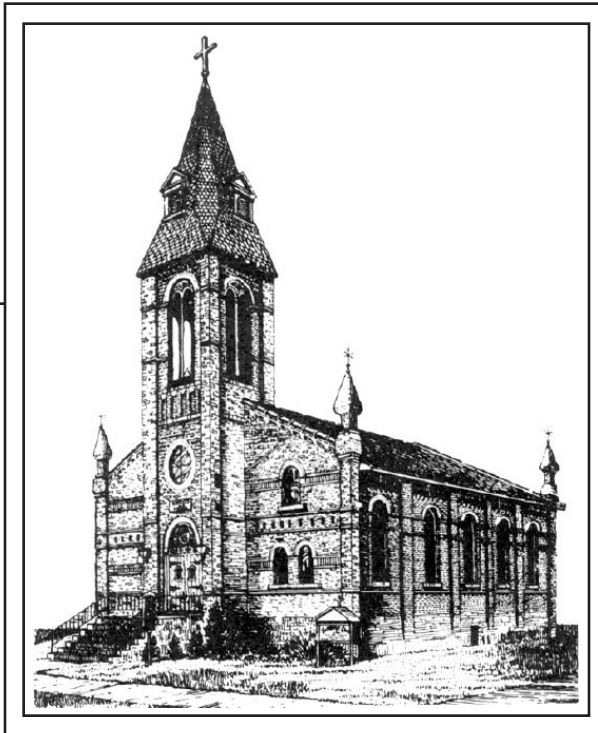


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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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LENT AT SAINT MARY'S



Our parish weekday Lenten liturgical schedule will be as follows:

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, February 22
Two Masses – 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY HOUR
Tuesday's – 8:30 am
Wednesday's – 7:00 pm
Thursday's – 7:30 am Holy Hour and 8:30 Mass
Friday's (no morning Mass)
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross & 7:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm

ST. MARY'S LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION
Thursday, March 23
9 – 11 am and 6 – 8 pm
(No Confessions in Holy Week)

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I love being the pastor of this parish and living in Collingwood with all of those who call this town their home as well as the many who visit both the community and our parish for Masses on Sunday's. A few weeks ago I was reacquainted with a woman I had met 35-years ago when I was studying for the priesthood and she was a teacher. After all these years we were once again reconnected as she came to Mass here while holidaying at a time-share in Wasaga Beach she has with her husband. We chatted for a few minutes after Mass and they invited me to lunch in the coming week to chat over a meal and catch up. We met at the restaurant and perused the menu, in between sharing stories and finally placing our orders for food. When our lunch arrived at our table, we paused to say grace. While people usually ask the priest to lead in the grace, I asked them if they would like to do so. They agreed, bowed their heads and in perfect unison said this beautiful prayer together that they themselves composed over time:

"Thank you, Father, for this day that we are together.

We thank you for this food, we pray it be used for only good.

We thank you for the renewal of health and wellbeing, your blessings and guidance.

We wish to continue to grow in thoughts of gratitude and tolerance, to better understand love and forgiveness, with your guidance only...

We wish to feel the continued and further release from fear and guilt replaced by inner peace and strength that can only come from you.

We pray for all of those who are feeling desperate, that they be reconnected, feel the reconnection, and rejoice in a renewed spirit filled with health, happiness and your strength.

We ask that we would seek you, with all our hearts and souls.

We wish to become part of a world with peace and dignity for all, without hatred and violence and pray that all others would seek these things and feel the benefit.

God bless us all, save our souls.

Amen."

And, no, the food wasn't cold by the time the grace was completed. I was surprised at the simplicity and yet thoughtful remembrances contained in their prayer as they said it together each day, not only to ask the Lord's blessing of their food but bringing their needs and the needs of others to their table as well. It was both unexpected and refreshing.

It's a powerful reminder that rote prayers, while beneficial and useful when we might not have the words to say during times of trouble or stress, isn't the only form of prayer. The psalmist says that "Little children praise God perfectly" because nothing is rote or rehearsed but honest and sincere.

A good Lenten practice that could (and should) be carried into the rest of our lives is to say grace before meals, whether we are alone or with others, at home or anywhere. It is a simple way of pausing before one of our great benefits – food – when so many have little or none, to thank the Lord for what we have and to bring the world or any need in our lives or the lives of others before Jesus in heartfelt prayer. No doubt, if we aren't in the habit of saying grace, it will feel a bit awkward or strange and some in our families might think we fell and hit our head, but do it anyway. It is 'right and just' to give God thanks and praise and to remember not only our blessings and needs but those of others in this or any moment of prayer.

When I think of giving thanks, I immediately remember the Ten Lepers who encountered Jesus and were sent off into a new life of being healed and whole. Yet only one of the ten, walking and being healed at the same time with the others, turned around after the euphoric state they would all have been in, seeing their leprosy gone, replaced by restored skin. And this one, this 10%, returned to thank Jesus. Even as he is returning to find Jesus, he begins to loudly praise God. And upon seeing Jesus, he not only expressed deep gratitude but also "fell on his face" a sign of worship. And so should we. (Fr.C)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Feb 21
 8:30am Special Intentions

Wednesday Feb 22
 12:00 Noon +Dulcie Williams
 Requested by Jayne & Family

7:00pm Special Intentions of Emilia Lassak
 Requested by the Family

Thursday Feb 23
 7:30am Holy Hour
 8:30am +Mary McConville
 Requested by Genevieve Carson & Family

Friday Feb 24
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm +Hannah Murray
 Requested by Ken Wright

Saturday Feb 25
 4:30pm +Fr. Paul Cusack
 Requested by Jean Stewart

Sunday Feb 26
 9:00am For the People

11:00am +Allan Mattacott
 Requested by the CWL

Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns
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Please Pray for the Sick

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 Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Fr. Peter Conlin, Emilie Gosselin,
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Pray for those who have died recently

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This is a reminder for all who signed up for the Knights of Columbus Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, this coming Tuesday, February 21, between 5 and 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank You

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